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FOR ECA/PE/V/M ALISON MOYLAN/DEBORAH THOMPSON  
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SUBJECT: FY 05 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINEE FOR MRP  
"TV BROADCAST JOURNALISM", APRIL 7-28, 2005.  
PROJECT NO. E/VM-2005-0019

REF: COLOMBO 00765

1. Post nominates T.M.G. "Chandrasekera" Deputy Director  
News and Current Affairs, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation,  
for participation in subject project. Post confirms that  
this nomination has "full country team approval."

2. Nomination is as follows:

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 114

ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VM-2005-0019

PROJ-NAME: TV Broadcast Journalism -April 7-28, 2005

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END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2004

DEPART-POST: 04/05/2005

SESSION-DATE: 04/07/2005

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This nomination is in support of MPP goal on "Democratic  
Systems and Practices"

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

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ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC: Broadcast Journalism

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Tennekoon

M-NAME: M. Gunawardena

L-NAME: CHANDRASEKERA

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 610

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: News Division

M-ADDR2: Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation

M-ADDR3: Independence Square

M-CITY: Colombo 7

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-777) 726-4062

M-FAX: (94-11) 258-0134

M-EMAIL: tmgc@email.com

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 11/12/1959

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Ratmalgahawevea

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

START MEMO POSITION:  
Deputy Director, News and Current Affairs, Sri Lanka  
Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC), December 2003- to date  
END MEMO POSITION:  
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
TV program presenter and moderator for live programs, 1995-  
to date  
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
1995-2003 - Producer and Assistant Director, News and  
Current Affairs, SLRC  
1986-95 - Editor, Economic Review of Saturday Divaina  
1986-95 - Editorial writer and feature writer of Saturday  
Divaina and  
  
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
September 1999 - To cover president's participation at the  
IMF - G 24 Summit  
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
Bangladesh - January 2004 - 12th SAARC Summit  
Canada - 1999 - International Conference on Federalism  
Scotland - 1997 - Commonwealth Summit  
China - 1996 - To cover president's visit to China  
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO EDUCATION:  
B.A. Hons. in Philosophy, University of Kelaniya, 1984  
END MEMO EDUCATION:  
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
Member, Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association  
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
  
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
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This nomination is in support of MPP goal on "Democratic  
Systems and Practices"  
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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Bruce A. Lohof  
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
TMG Chandrasekera was introduced live programming via  
Rupavahini on the use and advantages of the Internet. As  
this was aired on national TV, the program reached the  
grassroots. A visiting lecturer at the University of  
Peradeniya, TMGC has conducted video program production  
workshop and has interviewed several top government  
officials including the president of Sri Lanka. He is a  
key contact of the Press Section, always taking the trouble  
to assign the best in the station for interviews. Our  
press events in Colombo and outstations have been well  
taken care of by him.  
This nomination has "full Country Team approval."  
  
END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
NOM-OFF: Public Affairs  
SPEAKER?: No  
NOTIFY-EMB: Yes  
MEDIA?: No  
HOME-STAY: Yes  
HOME-HOSP?: Yes  
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CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CE  
RES-CNTRY-ID: CE  
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COMMISSION: 0  
OTHER-AMOUNT: 0  
VIS-AMOUNT: 0  
VIS-CAT: 5  
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13. Please advise acceptance of this nomination.

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